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A SLOW POT.

"A watched pot never boils," and that is the reason the political pot in East Hawaii refuses to simmer. A microscope is almost necessary to reveal the faintest sign of political interest or activity. It appears that nearly every man in Hilo and East Hawaii is secretly nursing an ambition to hold office under the new county act. Each one is laying low to catch the first move of his army of adversaries.

It is certainly time for the ambitious to speak out. The voting public is entitled to know for whom they shall have a chance to vote. They want time in which to discuss the respective merits of candidates. The chaff must be separated from the wheat and it will take some time to do the job.

A great many are doing a lot of underground wiring which they hope will land them safely. But this subterranean work is hard to follow and its effect is problematical.

The one hustler along the whole line of aspirants is Sheriff Andrews. He has changed his tactics in a masterly fashion since he came to a realization that votes would be needed by and by. He manages to mix rather constantly with the people on the out side districts and it is said that he is devoting more energy to the repair of his political fences than he is to the duties of his office. Fortunately, the duties of his office fall upon the shoulders of capable men.

Not only has the Sheriff become alert and vigilant in furthering his chances for a nomination this fall but he has become, suave, politic.

The one time gruff and one might say, almost surly Czar, is now the urbane, diplomatic and agreeable man, bidding for your favor and doffing his hat to the omnipotent voter.

It is pleasant to note this silent power of the Right to Vote.

THE KOHALA ROAD.

Philip Peck goes to Honolulu today to be present at the meeting of the stockholders of the Kohala-Hilo Railroad. The meeting of the railroad men will determine the fate for the present of the much promoted line. If the meeting is attended with harmony and if no opposition develops to the plan of reorganization decided upon at the time Mr. Peck went into the deal, the success of the road is assured.

When Mr. Peck took hold of the Kohala-Hilo Railroad proposition several months ago, his best friends were doubtful as to the wisdom of his decision. There had been so many failures and the affairs of the company were in a condition that discredited it at home and gave it a blackeye abroad. The term of the franchise was running rapidly to an end and it looked indeed as if the Kohala-Hilo was past resurrection. But considerations for the welfare and upbuilding of Hilo induced Mr. Peck to tackle the proposition. When it was known that Philip Peck had put his shoulder to the wheel, new confidence was created. He went before the Executive Council at Honolulu and obtained an extension of the franchise. He has arranged for the money to build the Hilo to Hakalan section; he has found German bankers who will take \$3,000,000 in bonds when this section is completed.

A ratification of all that Mr. Peck has done, by the stockholders and directors; and a reorganization along the lines hitherto agreed upon, are all that stands between negotiation and actual work. Hilo anxiously awaits the outcome.

An article in this issue from the pen of a Japanese, shows the temper of the Japanese mind toward Russia. And incidentally shows that we have Japanese in our midst who have a comprehensive grasp of the affairs of their country and a first rate use of the English language.

JUDGE WEAVER, it is announced, will go East to take a post graduate course in law to fit himself for the position to which he was recently appointed by Governor Dole. In this appointment as in many others, the Governor has evidently put the cart before the horse. Ordinarily a Judge is appointed because of attainments possessed, not because he may be an apt student. The Torrens land system in the hands of a tyro in Hawaii should present a flattering outlook to the legal fraternity.

Hilo's veterinary surgeon, who is willing to work for a Territorial bureau free of charge ought to have his name emblazoned on the roll of honor.—Bulletin.

JAPAN'S FINANCIAL CRISIS.

A brief Yokohama dispatch reports a ministerial crisis in Japan, through the resignation of the Premier, on account of difficulties encountered in adjusting the budget. No explanation is given of the nature of the difficulties, but it is reasonable to surmise that the Japanese Government has reached a point in its career when it is finding it impossible to make revenues and expenditures meet.

To those who have watched the course of affairs in Japan of late years this situation is not surprising. Such a crisis has, in fact, been inevitable. While the Government has been quick to apply the best of Western ideas to the development of the country's resources and the people have adopted them with avidity, the former are limited and the latter are poor. No country in the world is possessed with so large an ambition for place and power in the family of nations and so strong a desire for territorial expansion and has, apparently, so poor a prospect for their gratification because of its restricted resources and the poverty of its people. When Japan acquired the Island of Formosa as one of the fruits of the war with China, she expected to enrich her exchequer materially from that source. That expectation has not been realized. The maintenance of Japanese sovereignty in Formosa has been costly. The revenues have been derived chiefly from the camphor crop. The development of other resources has been retarded by the troublesome natives of the interior.

Japan's military ambition has crippled her financially. She is maintaining a standing army of 157,829 officers and men, or double that of the United States, and she holds in the reserves and in the militia 445,287 additional, making a grand total of 603,116 officers and men in active service and subject to call. Then, again, although her commerce is small, she has been striving to build up a powerful navy without apparently counting the cost of its creation and support. These military establishments have been organized on the presumption that she is to be attacked by some other power or that she will have to take the initiative in the field and on the sea herself. She has talked war for several years and has been preparing for it on a scale entirely out of proportion with her resources. She is evidently beginning to face the financial difficulties which are the natural outcome of such a course. Possibly it will now dawn on the intelligence of her statesmen that the safer policy for the nation's prosperity is to husband the country's resources for the exclusive development of the arts of peace and to avoid all trouble with her neighbors which is liable to involve her in war. Financial difficulties will doubtless prove as good a preserver of the peace in Japan as they have in other countries.—Chronicle.

Damage Suit Thrown Out of Court. In Honolulu last Monday Judge De Bolt sustained demurrer of defendant in the \$5,000 damage suit brought by A. A. Mattos against Jose G. Serrao, both of Hilo and the suit was consequently dismissed. The alleged wrong for which damages was sought having been committed in this judicial district the suit brought in Honolulu was adjudged illegal. H. E. Highton for the plaintiff; Judge Whiting argued the demurrer for Wise & Ross, Mr. Serrao's attorneys.

H. E. Highton and A. H. Jackson are on a business trip to outside places.

NEW PUBLIC WORKS PLAN.

Special Deputy Will Have Charge on Each Island.

Honolulu, July 18.—Superintendent of Public Works Cooper, upon arriving at his office this morning from the Peninsula, opened a communication from Marston Campbell, in which the latter tendered his resignation as an employee of the Department of Public Works.

Intending to visit Kauai next week, the Superintendent is in the meanwhile being besieged by many who are desirous of finishing various business matters before his departure. Mr. Cooper found time to say something about his plans during a short breathing spell.

It is his intention to thoroughly investigate conditions on all of the Islands and to so arrange matters on each Island that one man familiar with the requirements can be put in charge of all work pertaining to the Department on that Island. He is commencing with Kauai and will probably be gone a week or ten days. Matters are progressing favorably in the Department. There is more work to be done, however, than was ever on hand before. By having a man on each Island qualified to manage the work of the various sub-departments of the Public Works, energy will be better concentrated and the department's work as a whole will move along faster.

In regard to Hawaii's representation at the St. Louis Exposition, Mr. Cooper will look up those who have exhibits to make and put the supervision of their proper collection and arrangement in the hands of some one who is capable of properly looking after the matter.

The Governor considers the appointment of a commissioner within his province and, it is said, has some names under consideration for that position.

A complete exhibit of the woods of the Islands will be included in the forestry contribution. A large number of the smaller fishes of these waters will be preserved and sent on; those too large for convenient preservation will be omitted.

Finds Ambergris.

Honolulu, July 18.—In the latter part of May Lot Lane, while fishing in the coral-bottomed waters off Punaluu, on the windward side of this Island, found a large piece of what he presumed to be ambergris, the valuable matter from sick whales which is used in the manufacture of perfume.

Several years ago Lane was fortunate enough to find a piece of the same material and this proved to be ambergris, so when the big bunch of between two and three hundred pounds was found Mr. Lane stopped fishing and saw to it that the valuable find was hauled ashore.

In order that the question might be settled, the matter was referred to Jared Smith, Director of the U. S. Agricultural Experiment Station. A piece of the block found was sent to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the reply was received by the last steamer from the Coast. This seems to leave no doubt whatever that ambergris is what Lane found.

Even taking the estimated weight at 200 pounds, Mr. Lane has on the other side of the Island something which will bring him over \$100,000 in cold cash. The price averages about \$32 an ounce.

Hilo Shipping.

July 17, cleared, Amr. Bark Amy Turner, Warland, master, 4 passengers, with cargo of general merchandise for San Francisco. Sugar: Onomea, 23,997 bags; merchandise, \$182.85. Total value \$93,163.97.

July 21, cleared, Amr. Ship Falls of Clyde, Matson, master, 15 passengers, cargo of sugar and general merchandise for San Francisco. Sugar: Hakalan, 15,000 bags; Pepeekeo, 5,160 bags; Waiakea, 10,300 bags; Hilo Sugar Co., 12,000 bags; Olau, 7,587 bags; coffee, 10,550 lbs. and general merchandise, \$890.00. Total cargo, \$181,862.88.

Kinau Passenger List.

David Kalani, M. K. Kaelawai and daughter, Mrs. A. G. Camps, Miss Emma Lyons, V. Hamada, J. D. Louis, Marshall Dow, Miss May Slankard, E. R. Stackable, A. Humbert, J. H. Bole, Mrs. E. W. Kletcher, Mrs. Crowell, Miss Meux, R. Lake, Albert Horner, Mrs. A. M. Pife, W. G. Taylor, J. B. Ritchie, wife and child.

IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER.

Planters and Merchants Find Work for New Official.

Honolulu, July 18.—A conference of planters and merchants was held this forenoon for the purpose of consulting with Treasurer Kepoikai with reference to the duties of Immigration Commissioner.

The meeting presented to Mr. Kepoikai a list of what the planters and merchants had decided on as the proper duties of the new officer. According to the plans formulated he must look out for the matter of securing labor for the industries of the Islands. He must also encourage settlers, keep his eye on the alien population, and lastly encourage tourists to come to the Islands.

After these duties had been defined and the Treasurer made to understand the attitude of the planters and merchants, the appointment of a man to fill the office recently created by the Legislature was mentioned.

Mr. Kepoikai stated that he was somewhat in doubt as to his power to appoint the man to fill the office. He was half inclined to believe that the appointment was up to the Governor. He gave his authority the following paragraph of Section 80 of the Organic Act:

"The manner of appointment and removal and the tenure of all other officers shall be as provided by law; and the Governor may appoint or remove any officer whose appointment or removal is not otherwise provided for."

In other words, the Treasurer thinks that since the Legislature failed to add after the Immigration Commissioner and Advertising Agent the words, "To be appointed by the Treasurer," he has no right to make such appointment.

However, the matter is to be submitted to the Attorney-General for an opinion. This would have been done today, but Mr. Andrews was not in his office when the Treasurer called. At all events, Mr. Kepoikai is disposed to do nothing about the appointment until the return of the Governor.

County Election Coming.

"The county machinery is complete. There remains only the election to get it in running order. Registration and election are provided for, and they will be substantially what they now are under the general statute. The election will be held on November 3d. The county officers will enter upon the discharge of their duties January 4th and they will serve for one year only, as there will be another election next November, and, thereafter, the elections will take place every two years, bringing them at the same time as the general elections.

"The Governor of the Territory is charged with the duty of issuing a proclamation sixty days prior to November 3. I do not believe that he will hesitate for a moment to perform every duty enjoined upon him by the County Act, although the Act is being tested in the Courts. The Secretary of the Territory is charged with the duty of preparing election blanks and putting the election machinery generally in shape for running. I do not believe that he will hesitate to perform one single duty which is enjoined upon him by the County Act. I see nothing to prevent an election under the Act unless some officer charged with the performance of some duty should prove recreant to his trust, and should make trouble from a spirit of pure capriciousness.—T. McCants Stewart.

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Loans and discounts	\$289,296.37
Call loans and overdrafts	33,368.34
Furniture and fixtures	5,662.21
Other assets	9,180.21
Due from banks	30,830.86
Government warrants	1,111.15
Cash	32,366.65
	\$401,815.79

LIABILITIES:

Capital paid in	\$138,500.00
Undivided profits	24,125.24
Deposits	217,265.00
Due other banks	21,800.55
Dividends uncalled for	125.00
	\$401,815.79

I, C. A. Stobie, Cashier, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. A. STOBIE, Cashier.

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